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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-72

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and eight (8) copies of the Initial Brief of Petitioner, Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or the "Company").

Please date stamp a copy of this letter for our files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maribeth Ladd

Cc: Caroline O'Brien, Hearing Officer
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